
By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2004

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County - Giving Away Live Animals as a Prize or Inducement -**
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Calvert County a person from giving away a live
5 animal as a prize, inducement, or incentive under certain circumstances;
6 providing for a penalty for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to giving
7 away live animals in Calvert County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Criminal Law
10 Section 10-610
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Criminal Law**

16 10-610.

17 (a) This section does not apply to a person giving away an animal:

18 (1) as an agricultural project;

19 (2) for conservation purposes; or

20 (3) that is intended for slaughter.

21 (b) Without the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, a person may not give
22 away a live animal as:

23 (1) a prize for, or inducement to enter, a contest, game, or other
24 competition;

25 (2) an inducement to enter a place of amusement; or

1 (3) an incentive to make a business agreement if the offer is to attract
2 trade.

3 (c) IN CALVERT COUNTY, A PERSON MAY NOT GIVE AWAY A LIVE ANIMAL AS:

4 (1) A PRIZE FOR, OR INDUCEMENT TO ENTER, A CONTEST, GAME, OR
5 OTHER COMPETITION;

6 (2) AN INDUCEMENT TO ENTER A PLACE OF AMUSEMENT; OR

7 (3) AN INCENTIVE TO MAKE A BUSINESS AGREEMENT IF THE OFFER IS
8 TO ATTRACT TRADE.

9 (D) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
10 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
12 effect October 1, 2004.